ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An execution management utility designed to prevent software from executing without the prior approval of system administrative or other security staff. For example, the present invention can assist corporations by enforcing policies regarding unauthorized, unlicensed, or pirated software, such as, but not limited to, games; entertainment software; and non-standard utilities, such as advertising-enhanced browsers. A Windows NT based system is disclosed in which a kernel module selectively intercepts process creation requests.